

the  Venues  
Go Deep  
**Gratitude**  
**Full of Thanks**  
11.24.19

*How did you celebrate Thanksgiving Day when you were a kid?  
What are your plans for Thanksgiving Day this year?*

The common Greek word for “Thanksgiving” is “eucharist.” “Eucharist” is made up of two words with three meanings: “eu”= good; “charis” = grace and joy.

*How do those three words express the idea of “thanksgiving”?*

**Read Matthew 14:15-21**

*How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus said to them, “You give them something to eat”?*

Stephen Covey, in his book Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, contrasts “Abundance Mentality” and “Scarcity Mentality.”

*Describe the presence of these two mentalities in this story told by Matthew.*

Read Matthew 14:20 and notice the words “left over.” Those two words are the translation of one Greek word. It’s a word that means “being over and above” “abundant” “overflowing.”

*By the way, how do you feel about Thanksgiving leftovers?  
What’s the significance of there being 12 baskets of left-over food?  
What lesson did each disciple take away?*

**Read Colossians 2:7.** Do you see that word “overflow”? It’s the same Greek word found in Matthew 14:20 translated “left over.”

*What is to be overflowing from our lives?*

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-24**

*What happened “on the night” referred to by Paul? What did Jesus do on this night?*

*How can one express thanks knowing that he will be betrayed and crucified?*

**Read Matthew 26:37-38.**

*What words do Matthew use to describe Jesus’ feelings?*

*What does it mean to you that on the very same night, Jesus expressed both “thanks” and “stress/fear/agitation”?*

*What “thanksgiving” lessons do you learn from this study?*